

What is claimed is:

1. A vessel harvesting device, comprising:
a retractor for retracting tissue, the retractor including a port;
a tool for manipulating tissue, the tool comprising a docking feature for releasably connecting the tool to the port.
2. The vessel harvesting device of claim 1, wherein the docking feature comprises a latch for engaging the port when the tool is disposed at least partially within the retractor.
3. The vessel harvesting device of claim 1, wherein the docking feature comprises a leaf spring connected to a surface of the dock for engaging the port when the tool is disposed at least partially within the retractor.
4. The vessel harvesting device of claim 1, wherein the docking feature comprises at least one projection for engaging the port when the tool is disposed at least partially within the retractor.
5. The vessel harvesting device of claim 1, wherein the port is located on the proximal end of the retractor.
6. The vessel harvesting device of claim 1, wherein the retractor comprises a housing, the housing having an opening in a proximal end, and wherein the docking feature comprises a latch configured to be disposed at least partially within the housing and engage the housing when the retractor and tool are in the docked configuration.
7. The retractor of claim 1, wherein the retractor comprises a housing and a shaft that extends distally from the housing, the tool comprises a handle and at least one tube extending distally from the handle in a direction substantially parallel to the shaft, and the docking feature permits the distal end of the tube to be deflected away from the shaft when the tool is attached to the retractor.

8. The retractor of claim 1, wherein the retractor comprises a housing and a shaft that extends distally from the housing, the tool comprises a handle and at least one tube extending distally from the handle in a direction substantially parallel to the shaft, and the docking feature does not permit the tube to be moved longitudinally with respect to the shaft when the tool is releasably attached to the retractor.

9. The retractor of claim 1, wherein the retractor comprises a housing and a shaft that extends distally from the housing, the tool comprises a handle and at least one tube extending distally from the handle in a direction substantially parallel to the shaft, and the docking feature permits the tube to be moved longitudinally with respect to the shaft when the tool is releasably attached to the retractor.

10. The retractor of claim 1, wherein the retractor comprises a housing and a shaft that extends distally from the housing, the tool comprises a handle and at least one tube extending distally from the handle in a direction substantially parallel to the shaft, and the docking feature permits the tube to be moved radially with respect to the shaft when the tool is releasably attached to the retractor.

11. A vessel harvesting device, comprising:

a retractor comprising a housing formed by a wall having an inner surface, the wall having an opening therein, and a retractor shaft extending distally from the housing;

a tool comprising a handle, at least one tube extending from the handle, and a dock, the dock disposed on the at least one tube, the dock including a latch configured to engage the housing when the at least one tube is disposed within the opening of the retractor.

12. The vessel harvesting device of claim 11, wherein the retractor comprises a rib extending from the inner surface and extending toward the opening, and the dock comprises a surface and a leaf spring extending from the surface, the leaf spring acting against the rib when the at least one tube is disposed within the opening of the retractor.

13. The vessel harvesting device of claim 11, wherein the housing comprises at least one rail that extends substantially parallel to the retractor shaft, and the dock comprises at least one slot configured to accept the at least one rail.

14. The vessel harvesting device of claim 12, wherein the housing comprises a first rail and a second rail, the first rail and second rail spaced apart from one another, and the dock comprises at least a first slot configured to accept the first rail and a second slot configured to accept the second rail, when the tube is disposed within the opening of the retractor.

15. The vessel harvesting device of claim 11, wherein the dock comprises at least one projection that extends substantially parallel to the at least one tube, and the housing comprises at least one slot configured to accept the at least one projection.

16. The vessel harvesting device of claim 15, wherein the dock comprises a first projection and a second projection, the first projection and second projection spaced apart from one another, and the housing comprises at least a first slot configured to accept the first projection and a second slot configured to accept the second projection, when the tube is disposed within the opening of the retractor.

17. The vessel harvesting device of claim 11, wherein the tool comprises a first tube and a second tube, arranged adjacent one another.

18. A vessel harvesting device, comprising:
a retractor for retracting tissue; and
a tool for manipulating tissue; wherein one of the retractor and the tool includes a port and the other of the retractor and the tool comprises a docking feature for releasably connecting to the port.